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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 21574

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ICCS: CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR SADRI

REFS : A) SAIGON 20738; B) SAIGON 20943; C) SAIGON 21206;

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1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR EMBASSY TEHRAN TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO INDICATE TO GOI, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE HIS IMMINENT RETURN TO TEHRAN, OUR GOOD IMPRESSION OF AMBASSADOR SADRI'S EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY AS ICCS CHAIRMAN FOR DECEMBER, TO BREATHE LIFE BACK INTO ICCS. IT SEEMS TO US THAT SADRI HAS SHOWN GREAT ADROITNESS AND SKILL IN STEMMING A TENDENCY WITHIN THE ICCS TO SUCCUMB TO VIET CONG PRESSURES TO EMASCULATE ICCS BY EXPLOITING SUCH ISSUES AS BUDGET, DEPLOYMENT OF TEAMS, UNANIMITY RULE, AND AUTHORITY TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIONS. IT IS OF COURSE TOO SOON TO SAY WHETHER SADRI'S EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE ICCS WILL IN THE END PRODUCE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS, BUT HE HAS SHOWN MARKED SKILL IN HIS HANDLING OF THE VERY COMPLICATED SITUATION IN THE ICCS WHICH HE FOULD ON ARRIVAL HERE. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY SADRI'S APPARENT SUCCESS IN ESTABLISHING A USEFUL DIALOGUE WITH KULAGA OF THE POLISH DELEGATION. WHILE WE CANNOT HOPE THAT THE POLES (AND HUNGARIANS) WILL SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE THEIR POSITION ON VIET-NAM, IT APPEARS THAT SADRI IS FINDING A WAY TO LESSEN THE EXTREME POLARIZATION WITHIN THE ICCS WHICH BUILT UP IN THE DAYS OF CANADIAN

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MEMBERSHIP.

2. EMBASSY TEHRAN MAY WISH TO MENTION PARTICULARLY SADRI'S STRONG STAND FOR FULL DEPLOYMENT OF ICCS TEAMS TO ALL SITES NAMED IN THE ICCS PROTOCOL. IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE THREE PA & E EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING HOMER ELM) WHOM THE VIET CONG ABDUCTED OCTOBER 6 AND RELEASED DECEMBER 19 (REF C). REGARDING BINH CHANH INCIDENT OF DECEMBER 15, IN WHICH ONE AMERICAN WAS KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED IN THE AMBUSHING OF THREE HELICOPTERS ON A JCRC MISSION, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD MENTION OUR GRATIFICATION AT STRONG REACTION OF IRANIAN DELEGATION. IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIVING NEWS OF AMBUSH SADRI ORDERED HIS MILITARY DELEGATION TO MAKE AN ON THE SPOT "OBSERVATION" IGNORING THE REFUSAL OF THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE. IRANIAN OFFICERS ARE NOW WRITING A FULL REPORT ON THEIR FINDINGS EVEN THOUGH THE ICCS HAS NOT YET FORMALLY APPROVED AN INVESTIGATION.

3. SADRI'S CHAIRMANSHIP ENDS DECEMBER 31 AND HE LEAVES FOR TEHRAN JANUARY 1.  
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